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## ***OPERATION LIFESAFER 2 CONTINUES CASH FOR FIREARMS, GUN BUYBACK SITES CHOSEN***

**JERSEY CITY-** Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and Police Department officials announced the locations for this summer's gun buyback as the police initiative to make streets safer continues.

In this next phase of **Operation Lifesaver 2**, police are hosting a gun buyback program that allows locals to turn in rifles and handguns for cash and with amnesty of prosecution for its possession. The funding for the operation is provided completely by donations from corporate and local businesses, private individuals and forfeiture funds from the Hudson county Prosecutor's Office.

Individuals who turn in a rifle or shotgun will receive \$100, while those relinquishing a handgun or automatic weapon will receive \$150. Everyone who turns in a gun will receive full legal amnesty.

"In our effort to make our streets safer, we will continue to be creative and use whatever means available to us to stop the carnage caused by the proliferation of illegal firearms on city streets here and across the country," said **Mayor Healy**.

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Last year, the Gun Buyback program led to the recovery of 310 firearms during the course of the three-weekend event. For this event, the following locations have been designated for weapons collections to occur on Saturday June 23, 2012 between the hours of 11 am to 3 pm:

- Ocean Avenue Baptist Church, 735 Ocean Ave.
- St. Joseph Catholic Church, 511 Pavonia Ave. (Church Hall entrance on Magnolia Ave)
- First Wesleyan Church, 201 Woodlawn Ave.

Operation Lifesaver 2 is part of **Operation Summer Shield 2**, a Police Department initiative now in its second year that lead to the arrests of 50 residents in the month of May on a variety of charges that included weapons and narcotics offense and parole violations.

“Like last year, by removing career criminals and parole violators from the streets, we believe we have pre-empted the likelihood of more criminal behavior by those persons that would occur during the summer months,” said **Police Chief Tom Comey**.///